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SUBJECT: JORDAN OIL

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1. DEPTOFF SPOKE WITH O'CONNELL AND SLOCUM JANUARY 22 REGARDING REFTTEL. BOTH HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HANNA ODEH TO EMPHASIZE THAT NATOMAS IS STILL SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN JORDAN EXPLORATION.

2. SLOCUM -- WHO IS PERSONALLY CONVINCED OF EXISTENCE OF OIL DEPOSITS IN JORDAN -- IS FRANK IN EXPLAINING, TO ODEH AND TO US, THAT NATOMAS MANAGEMENT IS QUOTE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC THAN ORIGINALLY UNQUOTE ABOUT JORDAN VENTURE AND IS DETERMINED TO FIND A PARTNER TO SHARE FINANCIAL BURDEN/ RISK.

3. SLOCUM DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF GOJ/NATOMAS PARTNERSHIP WITH ODEH AFTER O'CONNELL HAD SUGGESTED THIS IDEA TO
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ODEH. SLOCUM POINTS OUT THAT PARTNERSHIP WITH GOJ WOULD

BE BETTER THAN NO PARTNERSHIP, BUT THAT AN AGREEMENT WITH A REPUTABLE, INDEPENDENT US EXPLORATION FIRM WOULD HAVE FAR GREATER IMPACT ON NATOMAS MANAGEMENT, WHICH REALIZES GOJ IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SOMEONE DRILL FOR OIL. NATOMAS WILL HOLD DISCUSSION WITH SUCH A FIRM ON JANUARY 29.

4. DEPTOFF HAS SPOKEN AT LENGTH ON TWO OCCASIONS WITH NATOMAS MANAGEMENT REGARDING POLITICAL SITUATION IN AREA NAD HAS ENCOURAGED INVESTMENT IN JORDAN. KISSINGER

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